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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, EAID, LA, JA
SUBJECT: JAPAN-INDOCHINA RELATIONS

1. A SENIOR JAPANESE DIPLOMATIC SOURCE CONFIRMED JULY 28 THAT THERE HAD NOT BEEN ANY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ON THE SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE JAPANESE AID TO LAOS. HE SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH JAPAN HAD AGREED TO ASSIST VIET NAM, HE DID NOT FORESEE ANY SUCH AGREEMENT WITH THE LPDR IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. OUR SOURCE SAID THAT JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TENDED TO LOOK AT AID IN A "BUSINESS LIKE MANNER." HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE LAO ATTITUDE TOWARD AID WAS SO UN-BUSINESSLIKE THAT TOKYO HAD BECOME VERY "DISCOURAGED." HE SAID THAT THE ONGOING DISPUTE BETWEEN THE LAO GOVERNMENT AND A JAPANESE-BACKED LOGGING FIRM, LAO OTSUKA, OVER THE PRICE LAOS WAS TO RECEIVE FOR TIMBER EXPORTS (VIENTIANE 132) HAD ADDED TO THE JAPANESE DISCOURAGEMENT.
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3. THE SOURCE AND AN EMBASSY OFFICER ALSO DISCUSSED SOVIET STRATEGY WITH RESPECT TO SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE LAO POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE SINO-VIETNAMESE DISPUTE. THEY AGREED THAT THE SINO-SOVIET SPLIT WAS THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THESE FIELDS.

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